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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 11, 2008 in the above identified patent application, the time period for reply which extends to December 11, 2008, please consider the following remarks intended to place the application in clear condition for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with provision for the required fee requesting that the due date for response to the outstanding office action, which originally extended to December 11, 2008, be extended three (3) months to and including March 11, 2009. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

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